



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K19-016
Incident Number: 2019-20115711
Date of Incident: 6/24/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A K9 officer and his K9 partner were working with SPD patrol officers in attempting to locate a suspect who had violently attacked his girlfriend. Officers were checking an address, as one of the officers was in phone contact with suspect. The suspect stated he was at his residence. Officers had probable cause to arrest the suspect for second degree Assault-DV (Suffocation). The K9 officer established a contact team that consisted of a multi-force option plan to include 40mm "less-lethal" blunt impact munitions, a TASER, and a K9. The plan was to bring the suspect out of the house and detain him, search him for weapons, and then interview him. Due to the suspect's extensive violent history, his prior violent encounters with police, and his firearm history, officers decided they could not allow him to go back inside his home or truck. The officer on the phone was able to convince the suspect to come out of the house to the bottom of the front step, but the suspect refused to come any further. Once the suspect turned and began to run back toward the front door, one officer deployed a 40mm round, two officers deployed their TASERs and the K9 officer deployed his K9. The suspect fell to the ground and officers were able to take him into custody. Medics removed the TASER probe and bandaged his K9 contact. He was transported to the hospital to be medically cleared prior to being booked into jail for the above charge.

Note: This incident is the same as F19-054. Internal Affairs issued two tracking numbers for the same incident because K9 deployments are tracked separately.

